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Message from the Commanding General U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

VETERANS DAY SAFETY

Not 24 hours into this new FY, TRADOC recorded its first accidental fatality. A Soldier operating a motorcycle died of his injuries when a car unexpectedly pulled into his path. While initial findings indicate the Soldier was not at fault, it is no less tragic for his family and the Army. Only four days later, two more TRADOC Soldiers lost their lives in a privately owned vehicle (POV) accident. With the Veterans Day holiday weekend approaching, I want commanders and leaders to ensure that every Soldier and civilian employee gets a briefing before departing on the long holiday weekend. Accidents are preventable.

During FY 06, TRADOC lost 19 Soldiers in accidents. Of that number, 16 were POV accidents and six of those involved motorcycles. Analysis showed that five of the six tragedies were directly attributable to lack of discipline or noncompliance with standards, and four of those five involved Soldiers in the grade of staff sergeant or above. Further analysis revealed that excessive speed, driving under the influence, and failure to use seat belts continue as the leading causes of POV accidents. Lack of discipline and failure to follow standards are inconsistent with Army values and cannot be tolerated.

Aggressive and consistent command involvement will make the difference. I expect your personal commitment and that of your subordinate leaders in this effort. Together we will stop this trend.

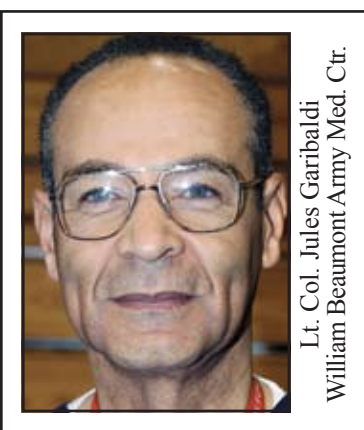
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General, U.S. Army
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Scout On The Street — What is the best way to honor a veteran on Veteran's Day?



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Company E, 309th MI Battalion

"Say a prayer for the Soldiers who are over in Iraq right now."

"The main thing for a veteran is let them know we have not forgotten about their sacrifices. All they want to hear is 'thank you' for what they did."

"If you bump into them in the streets or anything, say 'thank you,' and tell them you appreciate what they have done."

"I just take time out of my day to pray for all those who have fought and are still fighting and for their families, and give thanks for what they've done for us."

"Take the time to go out of your way to tell them you appreciate their service."

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Father, son get promoted at joint ceremony

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Scout Staff

For more than 23 years of his Army tenure, newly promoted Sgt. Maj. Thomas Eisenmann's performance has been a model of excellence. Working steadily to do his job to the best of his ability, he could not have imagined the depth of the impact his example would have on those around him.

At a ceremony held at Alvarado Hall Nov. 2, Eisenmann would realize the influence he exerted on his circle in the most profound way.

To begin with, his son Justin flew more than 2000 miles to be at his side. The father-son duo was jointly rewarded for their excellence and devotion to duty by receiving promotion to sergeant major and sergeant respectively.

Both received notice that they were promotion eligible the same day and decided to turn it into a family affair. Sgt. Justin Eisenmann flew from Fort Bragg with his family to honor his father and create a family memory for



Father and son, Sgt. Maj. Thomas Eisenmann and Sgt. Justin Eisenmann, celebrate their achievement at a joint promotion ceremony held at Alvarado Hall.

generations to come.

Col. Timothy Quinn also read off a list of accomplishments and successes prior to the promotion ceremony that made it clear that Sgt. Maj. Eisenmann's influential leadership has

been felt in multiple units with a huge footprint for his successors to follow. But the senior Eisenmann later reduced the accomplishment to its essence by noting, "I am truly honored to be surrounded my family and friends here

on this day. I never expected I would be standing here when I joined over 23 years ago. I am honored and can see by the number of supporters in this assembly I made the right choice."

Amid shouts of 'hooah!' the Eisenmann family also received special recognition with flower bouquets and handshakes for their support of their Army father, son, and brother. Support systems are especially critical for success in this career field and this family proved exceptionally adept in coping.

Life as an Army family, however, did have its share of challenges.

"When Dad left for Korea when I was 9-years-old, it was pretty tough," said Sgt. Eisenmann. "The moves made us stronger as a family and I think we became much closer as result."

"Having my Dad in the Army made settling in to this career much easier," said Sgt. Eisenmann. "I saw through his example all the things he was going through during the stages of his career. I don't know what my future holds but maybe someday I'll be standing here where he was today."

Request military records online

Scout reports

The National Personnel Records center has provided the following Web site for veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members to request access to their Military Records online at <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/evetrecs/>.

This service may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes.

NPRC initiates the online records request and is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the standard Form 180 which can be downloaded from the online Web site.

The new Web-based application was designed to provide better service by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time.

Also, because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

Federal health benefits open season begins

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center release

This year's federal employee health benefits open season runs from Monday through Dec. 11. Coverage will be effective Dec. 31. Three programs are available for employees and retirees to choose from. These consist of the regular FEHB plans, the Federal Flexible Spending Account Program, and the new Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program.

All 2007 FEHB Guides, health plan brochures and the 2007 premium rates can be viewed at www.opm.gov/insure/health. Employees wishing to enroll in FEHB or make changes to their current

enrollment should log onto www.abc.army.mil. This is the Army Benefit Center-Civilian Web site and access is via an employee's AKO.

Once an employee is logged into ABC-C, he or she must click on "Transactions," for a listing of all benefits. Once an employee clicks on "FEHB," he or she may begin the process of enrolling or making changes to a current enrollment. A listing of FEHB plan codes can be found at the OPM Web site listed above. Employees should print a copy of the completed transaction for their records.

Employees who wish to elect a health care flex-

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New identity card more secure than before

By Gerry Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

New identification cards now being issued to some Defense Department employees will help standardize federal work force identification and enhance security, a senior DoD official said here today.

The new common access card is part of departmental transformation efforts that harness common business practices to make the organization more efficient, David S.C. Chu,

the undersecretary of Defense for personnel and readiness, told reporters at a Pentagon news conference.

"A key element of this new card is it is a more secure document" than its predecessor, Chu noted.

The new card, he said, accomplishes three main objectives:

It makes the identification process more efficient;

It helps prevent identity theft or fraud; and it better protects personal information, thus enhancing individual privacy.

The department began issuing the new ID cards Oct. 27. They will be provided to employees over the next three years as the old cards reach their expiration dates.

The new card looks similar to the old one, but it features several enhancements, said Mary Dixon, director of the Defense Manpower Data Center in Arlington, Va. For example, the new CAC contains two fingerprints and a digital photograph,

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Retired Soldier reenlists at 58

Story and photo by Thom Williams

Scout Staff

When retired Master Sgt. Jim Knight lived outside of Camp Pendleton, Calif. he watched busloads of U.S. Marines roll out the gate heading to far away destinations.

Even though he had retired from the U.S. Army in 1985, Knight felt that he had something to contribute to the Global War on Terrorism.

"I looked at them and I'm saying. 'It's just not right,'" Knight said. "I could still breathe. I could still move and possibly there is something that I could still do."

The 58-year-old contacted U.S. Army Human Resources Command in St. Louis, Mo. to inquire if the Army could use his services after a break of 21 years.

"They do have a program where retirees can come back in," he said.

Knight was initially looking at reenlisting for the 18 series Military Occupational Specialty, Special Forces, where he spent the brunt of his military career.

"I pursued that a little bit and it wasn't moving fast enough so I said to my case manager, 'is there any way to speed this up' and she said 'if you know a general officer who will request you by name it will go very fast,'" Knight said.

He didn't know a general officer at the time so he looked for other options.

Knight held the secondary MOS, 96B Intelligence Analyst, and his case worker asked if he was comfortable coming back in the Army with that MOS because she had an opening at Fort Huachuca.

Knight agreed to reenlist in his secondary MOS.

With the ball now in his court, he took it and ran with it.

He first contacted Command Sgt. Major Franklin Saunders, command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca and told him he wanted a job.

"I said that it is only fair that you see the product, and I said if I fly out will you interview me and then we will make the decision from there? He (Saunders) said 'come out on Friday.'"

Saunders met with Knight and then went to see the Intelligence Center's chief of staff, Col. Timothy Quinn. He then spoke briefly with Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commanding general, U.S. Army Intelligence Center. Knight left the area, the senior leaders huddled, then Saunders came out of the room with a letter signed by Fast.

"I was ecstatic," Knight said. "I was back in and it was a dream come true."

A week later, the native of Daytona Fla., was undergoing "regreening," a two-week, mini-basic training with Soldiers from the Individual Ready Reserve who had been called back to active duty and sailors who were transitioning to the Army.

As the senior member of the group, Knight was the leader.

"Each day I assumed more charge of 132 people and when I gave my first command, it was like I'd been there forever," he said.

Coming back on active duty, Knight gains more points towards his on-hold retirement, while receiving the pay and allowances of a Army master sergeant.

He is assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort

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Master Sgt. Jim Knight, 58, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca makes adjustments to the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000. Knight reenlisted in the Army after a break in service of 21 years.

Information system specialist nets SOQ title

Story and photo by 1st Lt. Ryan Jones

11th Signal Public Affairs Officer

Spc. Jacob Arnold, Company B, 40th Signal Battalion, 11th Signal Brigade won the Post Soldier of the Quarter competition held at the beginning of October. He said that he is very proud to represent Company B and the Thunderbirds as he carries his new title as the Post Soldier of the Quarter.

Arnold has been at Fort Huachuca for 18 months and currently holds the position as an Information System Specialist (Military



Specialist Jacob Arnold, Company B, 40th Signal Battalion, 11th Signal Brigade works on a project for the 11th Signal Battalion.

Occupational Specialist 25B) in the BBN Section of B Company. During his short time with Team 40th, many people have taken notice of Arnold's abilities and potential including his section sergeant, Staff

Sgt. Donald Steffen.

"He is a dedicated Soldier who is always working hard to accomplish the mission and to further his professional development," Steffen

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Military Families Appreciation Month highlights service, sacrifice

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

Nov. 1 kicked off Military Families Appreciation Month, an annual tribute to the family members who, President Bush and other U.S. and military leaders frequently recognize, serve the country alongside their loved ones in uniform.

The month-long observance, with events planned at Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps bases around the world and in communities nationwide, highlights the contributions and sacrifices military family members make every day.

Bush thanked families for that service during an Oct. 28 visit to Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. "As the president of the United States, I want to tell you plain and simple," he told

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New aircraft system unveiled

The MQ-9 Predator B-Unmanned Aircraft System was on display here on Oct. 28 after being unveiled as a new tool in the toolbox of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The new Predator B is expected to be operational and flying border reconnaissance missions out of Fort Huachuca by next week. A second Predator B is slated to begin flying out of the Fort in April 2007, while two more UAVs, will be added to the CBP fleet by late next year. Fort Huachuca is assisting in the operation.

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Disabled veterans to get memorial of their own

By Gerry Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

The nation's capital is awash with military-themed statues and memorials. Yet, there isn't a memorial honoring the sacrifices of America's disabled military veterans.

That's going to change, Lois B. Pope, a noted Florida-based philanthropist, said Nov. 2 at the Ronald Reagan Building and Trade Center here. At a breakfast event, Pope kicked off the start of the "Faces of Freedom" photography exhibit featuring the work of lensman Rick Steele, who in 2005 spent four months in western Iraq embedded with U.S. Marines.

Pope is also co-founder and chairman of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial Foundation. The foundation, she noted, has raised half the money needed to build the \$65 million marble and glass memorial. It will be located on two acres of land adjacent to the National Mall within view of the U.S. Capitol. Pope

said groundbreaking is set for 2008, with completion planned in 2010.

The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial will honor America's 3 million disabled military veterans living today, Pope said.

"It's a salute to them, to honor their valor, their courage and their sacrifice," she said. "And, it's a way of educating the American people, that war isn't just about bombs and bullets and death and destruction. It's about human beings, like these young men and women here today, who stand up for the highest values inherent in all of us."

Without the efforts of America's military members, "we wouldn't have any of the freedoms that we enjoy today," Pope said.

Also present at the breakfast were retired Army Capt. Leslie Smith, 37, and retired Army Staff Sgt. Christian Bagge, 24, both disabled veterans and spokespeople for the foundation.

Smith was serving on active duty in Bosnia-Herzegovina when she

was medically evacuated stateside in March 2002 due to a blood disorder. The condition almost killed the public affairs officer, and part of her left leg had to be amputated. She also permanently lost sight in her left eye. Smith, who's originally from Gettysburg, Pa., is thankful that a memorial is being built to recognize the sacrifices of America's disabled veterans.

"We are going to see this memorial being built from the ground up," Smith said. "And each step that is taken is going to represent more recovery that all of us are going to go through."

Today, Smith runs, skis and kayaks. She has an active role with the U.S. Olympic Committee's Paralympic Military Program, assisting in the development of future programs and with sporting events for wounded warriors.

Bagge, then an infantry sergeant in the Oregon National Guard,

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Cavalry Park 5 housing area utility project continues

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Construction continues on the project that is relocating overhead cables and power lines to underground in the Cavalry Park 5 Housing Area. Construction will move into the Madden Court, Crandal Street, Wright and Mason Street areas starting Monday. This construction is necessary to install the needed conduits for electric, Directorate of Information Management, Cox and Qwest services in this area.

The project will begin in the Cavalry Park 5 Area along Wright Street. Total construction will take approximately 180 days.

Access across Winrow Road and Lawton Road will be restricted during conduit installation. Closures will be published prior to the road crossings.

Directorate of Public Works officials apologize for any inconvenience experienced during construction. For safety reasons post officials recommend that residence and visitors limit use of roads in the effected area during the construction work.

The Scout will publish future updates.

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traveling in a convoy south of Kirkuk, Iraq, when an enemy-emplaced roadside bomb detonated near his vehicle June 3, 2005. He lost both legs due to the explosion and sustained nerve damage in his left arm.

The injured noncommissioned officer was promoted to staff sergeant during a stint on active duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, after leaving the Guard. Bagge was medically retired from the Army at the end of July.

The memorial will become an important symbol of healing for disabled veterans, Bagge predicted. "It's about hundreds of thousands of people just like me that left a part of themselves on the other side of the world, or were (otherwise) wounded," he said. "It's important to honor their sacrifice."

Steve D. Tough, president of Health Net Federal Services, LLC, said his company is a co-sponsor of the disabled veterans memorial project. Health Net does work for the military's TRICARE health care program, he noted.

"When we had an opportunity to support the development of this memorial, and certainly the photographs by Mr. Steele, we felt a good connection to this because we can relate to the (military) beneficiary community," Tough said. "It brings us back home to those we serve."

Photographer Steele's camera's lens captured the comradeship among young U.S. Marines pulling dangerous duty in Iraq. His 100-photo "Faces of Freedom: Scenes of Courage, Sacrifice and Daily Life in Iraq" exhibit depicts his experiences in

Iraq from June to September in 2005. The exhibit will run at the Reagan Building until April 2007.

"You have a 19-year-old (Marine) talking about how he doesn't have to worry about turning his back, because he knows somebody is there to watch out for him," Steele, 32, recalled.

Steele also related his "moments of clarity" after surviving enemy attacks. "You start thinking of everything that could have happened," he noted.

The photographer said he was very impressed with the professionalism displayed by the Marines he saw in Iraq. "Marines are really proud to be Marines. They certainly believe in the mission they have out there.

"They have a job to do, and they do it," Steele said.

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she noted.

Additionally, "we're going to check to make sure you've had your background checks before we issue the card," Dixon said. "That is something we have not done in the past, but we will be doing this now."

President Bush directed that a single ID card be developed that's interoperable across all federal agencies, Chu said. The Defense Department, he noted, has had CACs for some years now.

"So, we're using that foundation as our stepping stone to reach the president's goal," Chu said.

Using one common ID card throughout the federal government "builds trust across agencies," Chu said.

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Seafood sale a success

Mike Cana (left) and Bruce Fuller of Star Fisheries bag seafood for customers Friday during the commissary's quarterly seafood sale. Hundreds lined up to purchase crab legs, cooked lobsters, scallops, lobster tails, salmon fillets, catfish, tilapia, tuna and more during this quarterly event. Watch future editions of the Scout or Channel 97, the Commander's Access Channel for dates of the next sale.

Soldiers train at Site Uniform

Members of the 141st MI Battalion, Utah National Guard undergo training at Site Uniform. The guardsmen, students assigned to the 309th Military Intelligence Battalion went through reality based training Nov. 1 to prepare them for possible future deployment. The 141st also has U.S. Air Force personnel attached for the upcoming mission.

Photo by Romeo St. Pierre



PX, Fort Huachuca community help troops call home

AAFES release

Since President Dwight Eisenhower signed legislation to change "Armistice Day" to Veterans Day in 1954, Nov. 11 has been a day to honor those who served in all American wars.

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is partnering with the American public to bolster the morale of tomorrow's veterans this Veteran's Day.

"While we salute the contributions of those who went before us, we should also acknowledge those serving on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan today," said Colleen Murray, store manager, Fort Huachuca Main Exchange.

"It's important everyone around Fort Huachuca knows that phone cards once only available to those in uniform can be ordered by anyone and sent to Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines who find themselves far from home."

With rates as low as 19 cents per minute, the PX's 550-Unit Military Exchange Global Prepaid phone card, available at www.aafes.org or toll free 800-527-2345, can provide more than three hours of talk time from Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom to the United States. Started in April 2004, the "Help Our Troops Call Home" phone card campaign allows anyone to leverage military-exclusive calling cards on behalf of deployed troops.

To date, this effort has provided more than \$4 million in free calls.

"There's never a shortage of eager troops waiting to sit down and connect with home through one of AAFES' 70 phone centers in the contingency theater," said Murray.

"Even if you don't know a particular service member, we can work with charitable partners to get the phone cards into the hands of someone who really needs them," said Murray.

Organizations, businesses and individuals can log on to www.aafes.org and click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link or call (800) 527-2345 for more information on Military Exchange Global Prepaid phone cards.

Signal Soldiers 'Make a Difference'

Story and photo by 1st Lt. Ryan Jones
11th Signal Brigade PAO

About 30 Soldiers and family members of the 40th Signal Battalion participated in a "Make a Difference Day" project Oct. 28.

Lt. Col. Linda Jantzen, commander of the 40th Signal Battalion, got the idea to do a project from her experience at Fort Hood, Texas.

"Make a Difference Day" is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October.

"It is a national day of helping others. I knew many of our Soldiers and family members would be interested in doing a worthwhile project in the community. When I found out about CANTER I thought this would be a great way to get people involved."

CANTER stands for Cochise Area Network of Therapeutic Equestrian Resources. This non-profit organization is dedicated to promoting the health and independence of individuals with disabilities by incorporating horseback riding and interaction with horses as part of their therapy. Volunteers from the community help with classes and therapy sessions by preparing the horses, leading the horses, and providing side walkers when neces-



Make a Difference Day is an annual event that takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October. This year, members of the 40th Signal Battalion and their families pitched in to help CANTER, the Cochise Area Network of Therapeutic Equestrian Resources.

sary for the student on the horse.

While each participant had his or her own reasons for being willing to donate their time and energy, one participant put it this way.

"I have always liked to do things for the community and give back. I also

like to help children, it reminds me of how much I miss my own and eases the separation," said Spc. David Gibson of Company A, 40th Sig Bn.

The battalion team got a lot done in a few hours on Saturday morning. They repainted and texturized the skid surface

of the wheelchair ramp at CANTER's facility. They finished building a fence, built up the pony stalls, cut the grass, and spruced up the riding trail.

"We're so thankful — this helps us so much!" said Susan Fawcett of CANTER.

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Huachuca and works at G3 Operations filling a 96B Senior Intelligence Analyst position.

One of his jobs is to refine the use of the Engagement Skills Trainer 2000, a device that uses computers, lasers and other equipment to teach Soldiers marksmanship skills, squad level collective defense, and judgmental 'shoot-don't shoot' tactics.

When asked for his thoughts on today's Army and Soldiers, Knights say's it is a better Army now and it has state of the art leaders.

He said he saw the beginning of the all-volunteer Army and wondered how it would work.

"To be able to come back now 30 years later and see the end product is incredible," he said. "I was in a great Army and it is better now, much more intelligent."

He wears the Pathfinder, 2nd Class Diver, Master Parachutist, Combat Infantry and Drill Sergeant identification badges along with the Special Forces tab and combat patch on his Army Combat Uniform.

Even at the age of 58, Knight is tall and thin and credits his wife for making him take care of himself.

"I have old age denial," he said with a wide grin. "The only time I know I'm old

is when I walk by a mirror or see a picture, but it's like I never left the Army."

Knight said the requirements for a Soldier to join Special Forces in the 1960s included holding the rank of E-5, and to be deployed a Soldier had to be bilingual. While a member of the elite force, he spoke Spanish, Vietnamese and Burmese.

He said the tempo of training and operations was high and he went everywhere a Soldier could go at that time. In some cases, he was there three times.

When Knight retired from the Army he did a myriad of jobs from being a commercial diver to starting a trucking business.

He joined the Army in 1965 after he finished high school and has advice for today's Soldier.

"Make the maximum of your training and listen to experience," he said. "Be the professional Soldier you were trained to be. Watch your NCO Corps and strive to be where they are."

He said that he was welcomed back into the Army family with open arms.

"I didn't know what to expect, but the graciousness and respect I've received has far surpassed what I thought it would be," he said

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said about Arnold.

Arnold joined the Army during his senior year in high school in Rusk, Texas. One of the main reasons why he decided to join is because the Army recruiter in his area was the first branch of service to contact him about joining the military. Arnold enlisted in the Delayed Enlisted Program and immediately following his graduation, he set off for Fort Jackson, S.C. to begin basic training.

"Do not follow in anyone's footsteps - create your own," Arnold said, staying true to his words by being the only person in his graduating class to join the Army.

The Soldier would like to make the Army a career and he is already setting himself up for long-term success by wining the Post's Soldier of the Quarter competition during his first assignment.

To prepare for the boards he simply studied the Army Skills manuals and the Army Study Guide. Of course, before getting to the post level board he had to win

the battalion and brigade competitions.

Arnold said that one of the most memorable moments during the competitions was when he faced tough questioning by Command Sgt. Maj. Raymond Thompson on the brigade board.

"He was very intimidating," Arnold said about Thompson's questioning style and presence.

Once getting to the post level competition, he was slightly taken back by the board's thorough range of questioning. But his preparation and hard work paid off as he went on to win the votes of the board members and the title of the Post Soldier of the Quarter.

Arnold leaves the Fort Huachuca community in November as he heads to Korea for his next assignment. He said that he will miss the scenery of Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista, especially the views from Carr Canyon.

Arnold will ride with the Grand Marshall of the Veteran's Day Parade tomorrow.

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military families, “(that) the American people respect you, they appreciate you, and I’ll do everything in my power to make sure the families and those who wear the uniform have all the support necessary to win this war on terror.”

Bush emphasized the important role military families play in U.S. national defense when he introduced Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki to U.S. troops and their families at Fort Belvoir, Va., earlier this summer.

“Mr. Prime Minister, when I speak to our troops, I also talk to their loved ones, because you can’t have a strong United States military without the support of the military families,” Bush told Maliki during the July 26 session. “Our troops have sacrificed, and as they have done so, so have our military families. And so today we pay respect

for the men and women who wear the uniform and their loved ones. We’re proud of you.”

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, expressed a similar sentiment earlier this month at the “Memorial Concert and Tribute to Today’s Heroes” in Worcester, Mass. “When we go off to combat, our families wait at home and pray that we’re safe,” Pace told the audience, which included 400 Gold Star families who lost a family member in military service.

“For those of us who are fortunate enough to return, our families stand in the back when we receive awards. And when we get tired, our families dust us off and put us back again to the fight,” the chairman told the group at the Oct. 16 event. “Our families serve this coun-

try as well as any (veteran).”

Vice President Richard B. Cheney was so struck by Pace’s sentiment, one the chairman expresses regularly when he meets with military groups, that Cheney echoed them during a visit to Fort Hood, Texas, earlier this month.

While military families may pretend they have nothing to do with their loved ones’ success during a deployment, “it is the love and support of our families that makes all the difference in the world,” the vice president said at the Oct. 4 event.

“I know that General Pace’s words speak for all of you,” Cheney said. “And I want you to know that our whole nation is filled with respect and gratitude for our military families.”

First lady Laura Bush recognized the contributions of military families,

but particularly those of almost 190,000 U.S. children with one or both parents deployed overseas, during a conference this summer in Denver, Colo.

“Military kids are resourceful and resilient, but the demands of military life -- frequent moves and school transitions, long-distance parenting, parents reentering family life after the trauma of combat, not to mention the stress of knowing that Mom or Dad is in harm’s way — present unique difficulties for our troops and their children,” the first lady said Aug. 4 at the Second Regional Helping America’s Youth Conference.

“Military families give so much to our communities and our country,” she said, “and Americans have the obligation to help them in every way that we can.”

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33W FTX is culmination of technical



An IET Soldier, role playing as an insurgent, fires on a convoy.

Story and photos by Rob Martinez

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Three Humvees on a contact mission push through rugged terrain on Site Maverick, here. Their goal is to reach an intelligence collecting system and repair it.

In the first vehicle, the truck commander, sitting in the passenger seat, yells, "Stop! IED! IED! To the right." As he radios the convoy, the familiar rapport of rifle fire fills the air. The Soldiers on flex right return fire, their hot, expelled blanks casings bouncing to the floor of the Humvee.

The engagement lasts only a few minutes. The sound of firing is replaced by the monotonous beeping of multiple integrated laser engagement system gear all around.

The Initial Entry Training Soldiers convene with their drill sergeants and begin the after-action report.

"It's a good learning experience because we were told to make it as real as we possibly could, even speaking gibberish to make them think 'They can't speak English to us,'" said Pvt. Robin Craven, Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, who is a Soldier waiting to start the 33W (military intelligence systems maintainer and integrator) course here. He is part of the Opposing Force during a field training exercise that takes place during the last 10 weeks of the 33W course.

"It's really fun — something we don't get to do often. Usually we're on their side, learning like they

are now. We're mostly moving around, trying to meet up with them, trying to ambush them. We're learning about areas where you couldn't expect IEDs to be, because you actually put it there yourself. That's a learning experience on our part also," he explained.

Capt. Brad Neal, commander Company B, 305th MI Battalion, said the FTX is a culmination of what the students have learned in the classroom and during warrior training.

"It's evolved to focus on the tactical side as much as the technical side. They way 33s are used on the battlefield today; they have to be just as smart on the warrior side. When they leave here, they will be able to function in Iraq and Afghanistan. They'll have confidence in their technical ability, because that's being evaluated out here in the contact missions, and they will be able to conduct themselves in a hostile environment.

"The 33's missions take them from one secure location to another in order to fix equipment that's used to gather intelligence to drive operations to capture and kill the enemy. They are not only trained to repair, they are trained to get from point A to point B safely," Neal said.

Realistic training such as this helps develop a force that's Army Strong.

According to Sgt. 1st Class Gary Jones, they made the exercise as realistic as possible with safety considerations.

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(Above) Pfc. Rickey Howard (left) and Pfc. Adam Studebaker, Company B, 305th MI Battalion, return fire on "insurgents" during a field training exercise last week.

(Below) During a field training exercise, a convoy on



cal, tactical training



Pfc. Gregory Coe, Pfc. Eric Nelson, Pfc. Daniel Dekorte, Company B, 305th MI Battalion remove captured “insurgent,” Cpl. Clancy Moody, from their Humvee while Pfc. Ryan Bowers secures the area.

with good OPFOR (Opposing Force) and they put on a pretty good show. In the compound, they play Muslim prayer five times a day, to enhance the realism.

In Iraq, you hear ‘deaths by convoy.’ A lot of soldiers are going to end up on convoy missions. Now they’ll have a little training before they go there,” said Jones.

Sgt. Joe Galindo, U.S. Army Intelligence helped set up OPFOR missions. He explained because of the 33W’s types of top secret clearances, they are often tasked to pick up intelligence.

He transport Intel, cell phones, personal items. Thirty-threes can quickly go out to the field and carry it over to the analysis people,” Galindo

Galindo ran more than 200 such missions to intelligence in Iraq.

Soldiers are in a 44-week course and go on FTX when they get to the last 10 weeks. There are 10 Soldiers participating; the numbers have run as 70.

Jones said the FTX is always evolving. This is the first time a simulated analysis and control element was added for the students.

A lot of these 33s end up being network administrators, system administrators, trouble-shooters of those networks.

“In the MI world, all these systems the 33s maintain collect the data. The systems send the information to the ACE, which is a main collection point for intelligence where it is analyzed; then they draw the picture of the battlefield,” Jones said.

The FTX ended with a convoy driving through a mock Iraqi village, where the villagers played out scenarios Soldiers will likely encounter.



During a recent field training exercise, IET Soldiers, in the 33W military intelligence systems maintainer and integrator course perform maintenance on a common ground station, an intelligence and electronic warfare system. Earlier, the IET soldiers had stopped an attack on the CGS by Soldiers role-playing as insurgents.



Brothers Sgt. Kenneth Studebaker (left) and Pfc. Adam “Little” Studebaker remove a tow bar from a Humvee.

National Guard brothers attend 33W course here

Story and photo by Rob Martinez
Scout Staff

Sgt. Kenneth Studebaker is attending the 33W (military intelligence systems maintainer and integrator) course here. With four years active duty, and six years National Guard experience, he brings a wealth of knowledge to share with the Initial Entry Training students.

There are many military occupational specialty trained Soldiers in the course, but Studebaker is attending along with his brother, Pfc. Adam Studebaker. So not only is he like a big brother to students, he is a brother.

Both Studebakers are in Company B, 305th Military Intelligence Battalion, and recently participated in a field training exercise together.

“He’s (Sgt. Studebaker) one of our MOS-T guys. We wouldn’t be able to do this (training) without them. These guys have the prior experience from being in Iraq. A lot of their input goes in to how these FTXs evolve,” said Sgt. 1st Class Gary Jones, Company B, 305th MI Battalion.

Studebaker was previously trained as a 98C, a signals intelligence analyst. His brother recently joined the National Guard, and is in a class that started two weeks later.

“I was thinking about the Army

at the time, and the MOS I wanted was the same as he wanted. We both left at the same time, but I went to basic,” said “Little” Studebaker.

“We do get to see each other in the evenings, sometimes,” the older Studebaker said. “Being MOS-T and he an actual initial enlistee, they keep us pretty much separated, which is the right thing to do. But it’s good times being here with my brother.”

According to Studebaker, the company always pits them against each other in combatives, and physical training tests.

“I’m a littler bigger than him, so ... they have fun with us.”

When asked about comparing academic test scores, he laughed and said, “We haven’t had to do much of that.” His buddies sitting around him were laughing as well.

“Big” Studebaker said he is more the outdoorsy type, while his brother is more cerebral.

“He reads C++ (a programming language) manuals for fun. He’ll beat me in brains. I’ll beat him in brawn.”

“We’re pretty close, so we don’t compete very much. We both enjoy electronics. We’ll keep all their equipment running so everyone else can do their jobs,” the older brother said.

When the Studebakers finish IET, they will deploy together in the same National Guard unit.

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Service News

Ultimate sacrifice in support of Global War on Terrorism

Lance Cpl. Minhee Kim, 20, of Ann Arbor, Mich., died Nov. 1 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Lansing, Mich.

Cpl. Gary Koehler, 21, of Ypsilanti, Mich., died Nov. 1 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Sgt. Michael Weidemann, 23, of Newport, R.I., died Oct. 31 in Hit, Iraq, from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Light Medium Tactical Vehicle. Weidemann was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division, Giessen, Germany.

Pfc. Jason Franco, 18, of Corona, Calif., died Oct. 31 from a non-hostile incident in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11, Marine Aircraft Group 11, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Miramar, Calif.

Sgt. Kraig Foyteck, 26, of Skokie, Ill., died Oct. 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries suffered when his unit came in contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during combat operations. Foyteck was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

Sgt. Kenneth Bostic, 21, of Hawthorne, Nev., died Oct. 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries suffered from contact with enemy forces using small arms fire during check point operations. Bostic was assigned to the 204th Military Police Company, 519th Military Police Battalion, 1st Combat

Support Brigade, Fort Polk, La.

Sgt. Michael Seeley, 27, of Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, died Oct. 30 in Baghdad, Iraq, from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Seeley was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Lance Cpl. Troy Nealey, 24, of Eaton Rapids, Mich., died Oct. 29 while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Lansing, Mich.

Staff Sgt. Kyu Chay, 34, of Fayetteville, N.C., died Oct. 28 in the Oruzgan Province, Afghanistan, from injuries suffered when an impro-

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vised explosive device detonated near his combat patrol. Chay was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Pvt. Michael Bailey, 20, of Waldorf, Md., died Oct. 27 in Salerno, Afghanistan, from non-combat related injuries. Bailey was assigned to 4th Battalion, 25th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, New York.

Sgt. Luke Zimmerman, 24, of Luxemburg, Wis., died Oct. 27 from injuries suffered while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

1st Sgt. Ricky McGinnis, 42, of Hamilton, Ohio, died Oct. 26, in

Balad, Iraq, from injuries suffered that same day in Muqdadiyah, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his dismounted patrol. McGinnis was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Sgt. 1st Class Tony Knier, 31, of Sabinsville, Pa., died Oct. 21 in Bayji, Iraq, from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle. Knier was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Staff Sgt. Patrick Barlow, 42, of Greensboro, N.C., died Oct. 18 in San Antonio, Texas, from a non-combat-related medical condition. Barlow was assigned to the 50th Engineer Company, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

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ible spending account, or a dependent care flexible spending account must make an election during the open season. Federal Flexible Spending Accounts do not roll over from year to year. More information can be obtained at www.FSAFEDS.com. Enrollment is the same as for FEHB.

For the first time, eligible federal and postal employees and retirees will also be able to enroll in the new Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program during this year's open season. FEDVIP will offer enrollees group dental and vision insurance at competitive rates without pre-existing conditions on an employee pay-all basis. Employees will be able to enroll in self only, self plus one, or self and

family coverage. For updates on this new plan, please visit www.opm.gov/insure/dentalvision.

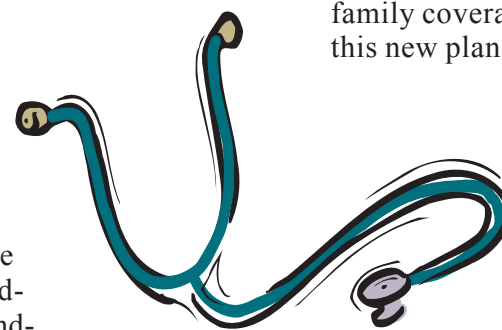
Enrollment will be the same as for FEHB and FSAFEDS.

Eligible members of the

Intelligence Community (DCIPS employ-

ees for Department of the Army) are eligible to elect Group Accident Insurance, Long Term Disability and Long Term Care insurance at any time. There is no open enrollment period for those supplement insurance plans. IC employees will be able to enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program's Association Benefit Plan during the FEHB Open Season from November 13 – December 11.

For questions regarding this year's FEHB open season, you contact the Civilian CPAC) at 533-5273.



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Jeannie's Diner, Desert Lanes, team up to offer specials this month

Every Saturday in November, from 3 to 5 p.m., Jeannie's Diner and Desert Lanes are offering the following special:

Patrons can enjoy a spaghetti buffet, plus one hour of bowling, including shoe rental, for the reduced price of \$3 per person. Two adults and up to four children, may take part in the special.

From now through Nov. 17, patrons are invited to stop in and register to win a free turkey at Jeannie's Diner. Four turkeys will be given away. The drawing for the turkeys will be held Nov. 18 at Jeannie's.

Now through Nov. 30 at Jeannie's Diner, the public is invited to sign a giant greeting card, which will be sent to the troops overseas in time for the holidays.

The diner also offers a different lunch special daily, Monday - Friday. A 16 ounce, non-alco-

holic beverage is included with these specials.

The day after Thanksgiving is traditionally the biggest shopping day of the year.

Desert Lanes and Jeannie's Diner have joined forces to offer a bowling/food special designed to give parents an opportunity to do holiday shopping. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 24, one parent can bring the kids to bowl, while the other parent shops.

Cost of the special, which includes two lines of bowling plus a kid's meal, is \$5. For each additional child, the cost is \$2. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information, call the Diner at 533-5759 or Desert Lanes at 533-2849.

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MWR offers free services Saturday

Morale, Welfare and Recreation facilities will observe Veterans Day Saturday by offering free services to active duty and retired military that day only. Free services will be limited to available time and space, so early reservations are recommended.

*Desert Lanes will offer free bowling and shoe rental from 4:30 p.m. to midnight, limit three games. For more information, call 533-2849.

*Mountain View Golf Course will offer free golf cart rental from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. To reserve a tee time, call MVGC at 533-7088.

*Buffalo Corral will offer one hour of free open horseback riding from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Family members will be charged regular rates. Pre-registration is necessary and reservations will be taken on a first-call, first-served basis.

For more information or to reserve a time, call Buffalo Corral at 533-5220.

*The Sportsman's Center will offer free paintball field time, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All participants will need to purchase resale supplies such as paint, CO2 and equipment, and will be required to adhere to safety regulations and policies. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 533-7085.

*MWR Rents will offer equipment rental free for Saturday. Items will be available starting at 9 a.m. and must be returned by 4 p.m. that day. (Does not include campers and recreational vehicle.)

Advance reservations are also recommended for rentals. For more information, call 533-6707.

*The MWR Arts Center will offer free instruction in pottery, from noon to 2 p.m., and in watercolor, from 2 to 4 p.m. To reserve a space or for more information, call the Arts Center at 533-2015.

In addition to the free services offered by other facilities, Jeannie's Diner will offer free hot dogs and sodas, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 11 for active duty military and their family members. The offer is good while supplies last.

Sign up for Veterans Day run

The MWR Sports and Fitness Branch will hold the Veterans Day 5 Kilometer Commemorative Run beginning at 7 a.m. Saturday at Eifler Fitness Center. Registration for the run is now in progress.

Entry fee is \$10 for active duty military or \$15 for civilians. Fee includes awards, refreshments and a souvenir t-shirt.

Entry forms are available at Barnes Field House and Eifler Fitness Center.

For more information, call Mick Gue at 533-4723.

New arts, crafts classes offered

The MWR Arts Center will offer a new class in candle-making, using all natural soy products, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 15, 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20.

Cost of the class is \$10 per session and includes all materials.

A silver jewelry making class will be held from noon to 2 p.m. Nov. 18 and from 6 to 8 p.m. Nov. 21 and 22. The cost is \$100 and includes all materials.

"Power Sorting" for Creative Memories Scrapbooking will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m., Nov. 18. The cost is \$50.

For more information, visit the Arts Center at the corner of Hatfield and Arizona Streets, Building 52008, or call 533-2015.

Junior golf clinic at MVGC

A junior golf clinic, for ages 6 to 17, will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. Saturday and Nov. 18 at Mountain View Golf Course.

Cost is \$8 per person, per session. The price includes instruction, use of clubs and range balls. No reservations are required for this clinic.

For more information, call 533-7088.

Coaches' meeting for soccer shootout

The Sports and Fitness Branch of MWR will host a winter soccer shootout tournament Dec. 8, 9 and 10 at Sentinel Field.

The team coaches' meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Nov. 16 at Eifler Fitness Center. All units or individuals wishing to participate in the tournament should attend the meeting.

Entry fee is \$100 per team and is due by close of business Dec. 4.

For more information, call Michelle Kimsey at 533-3180 or e-mail michelle.kimsey@hua.army.mil.

Photo opportunity for family members

MWR will offer a holiday photo opportunity for family members of deployed Soldiers from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday at Murr Community Center.

Santa will be available to pose with the kids. The photos will be printed on 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" glossy paper. Cost is \$3 per photo. Customers will have a choice of six holiday frames.

Photos can be picked up Nov. 17 at Murr Community Center, allowing time to mail for the holidays.

For more information, call 533-2404.

Register for adult karate class

The MWR Recreation Program Registration and Ticket Office is now accepting registrations for the American Okinawan Karate Academy class.

The class, which is open to adults 18 and older, is held from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays at Murr Community Center.

Participants can register from 10 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, at Murr Community Center.

For more information, call 533-2404.



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The Scout TimeOut



Go on a *beach* *vacation* close to home

Story and photos by Thom Williams

Scout Staff

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a two part series on vacationing in Puerto Peñasco or Rocky Point, Mexico)

If you are looking for an alternative to a flight to the Caribbean or to distant Mexican beach resorts for a vacation, the warm waters of the Sea of Cortez lie an easy five-hour drive from Fort Huachuca in the rapidly growing tourist and fishing town of Puerto Peñasco. It is also known as Rocky Point to Americans.



During "Spring Break" in March and April, college students from as far away as Colorado and New Mexico make the trek to Rocky Point to celebrate, turning portions of the town into a 24-hour-a-day-party. The remainder of the year, weekends are the busiest drawing tourists mainly from Phoenix and Tucson.

To drive to Rocky Point from Sierra Vista, go west on Interstate 10 and take the Valencia or Ajo Way exit in Tucson. Head west on State Route 86 across the Tohono O'odham Nation's reservation. The Tohono O'odham are a semi-nomadic people who inhabit the southwest United States and northern Mexico.

The road also passes the world famous Kit Peak with its arrays of observatories that are clustered on the mountaintop and are visible for miles in the clear desert air.

When you arrive at the village of Why at the intersection of State Routes 86 and 85, it is a good place to

gas up your vehicle and obtain Mexican car insurance to prepare for crossing the border into Mexico.

There are also many sites on the internet that sell the required auto insurance. A four-day liability-only policy for a 2005 vehicle worth \$16,000 costs between \$30 and \$40.

You probably will not have to fill your gas tank again until you return to the United States if you are only traveling to Rocky Point. If you do need to top off in Mexico, the gas there burns fine and an attendant will pump it for you.

Just down the road from Why, travelers enter the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument where there are waysides where you can pull off and enjoy the sights of tall cacti and soaring mountains, making it one of the most scenic portions of the Sonoran Desert.

You then arrive at Lukeville, Ariz., where you cross into Mexico. The port of entry is not a particularly busy border crossing point with the exception



of weekends and long holidays when Americans are heading to Rocky Point for the weekend. The Lukeville port of entry is closed from midnight until 6 a.m.

Once you leave the United States, Mexican customs has a red and green light set up. If you get a red light, the authorities will have you pull over into an inspection area for a detailed look at items in your vehicle. Remember, it is strictly prohibited to bring firearms into Mexico.

Chances are you will get a green light and you will be on your way into

Sonoyta, Mexico, where you

may be greeted by street vendors who approach your car and offer to sell you tortillas or other items.

While in Sonoyta, keep an eye out for the signs to Puerto Peñasco and Mexican Highway Eight or just follow the U.S.-plated vehicle that is ahead of you on the hour-long journey from Sonoyta to Puerto Peñasco.

Rocky Point is located within the "Only Sonora" program meaning Arizona tourists don't have to stop for a special permit to drive a car in most of the Mexican state of Sonora.

In Mexico, authorities take their speed bumps seriously so pay attention to the signs warning of "topes". Otherwise you risk ruining your suspension or bottoming out your vehicle and losing a muffler.

Driving a vehicle in Mexico takes skill and patience. The best advice is to drive defensively and

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November Signals

Weathering the peace

By Vincent Breslin

NETCOM/9th ASC Historian

The U.S. Army Signal Corps began transmitting thrice daily weather reports in November 1870 from stations stretching from Boston, south to Key West, Fla., and west to Cheyenne in the Wyoming Territory.

The post Civil War era was a time of great transformation for the U.S. Army in general and the Army Signal Corps in particular. While Congress and the War Department wrestled with the idea of subordinating the Signal Corps to the Corps of Engineers, the Chief of Signal, Albert Myer, campaigned to diversify Signal Corps services with a view toward assuring its continued autonomy. Though it survived initial Congressional cuts by the House Committee on Military Affairs in 1869, Myer knew that the Signal Corps needed a stronger footing than just military communications in order to weather further "Army Transformation." One solution appeared to lie in meteorological observation.

Weather has always regulated daily human activities, especially for those whose livelihood is intimately tied to the land. The Army's formal involvement in meteorology had begun in April 1814 when Dr. James Tilton, physician and surgeon general of the Army, directed military surgeons to record weather data. Regulations published for the Medical Department in December of that year required senior hospital surgeons to keep weather diaries. The collection of such information was believed to be important because weather was thought to influence disease.

After the Civil War, as the nation's commercial and agricultural enterprises expanded, the need for a national weather service became apparent. In December 1869, Congressman Halbert Paine, advocating a warning service on the Great Lakes to reduce the tremendous losses in lives and property caused by storms each year, introduced legislation authorizing the secretary of war "... to provide for taking meteorological observations at the military stations in the interior of the continent, and at other points in the (United States and its Territories), and for giving notice on the northern lakes and on the seacoast, by magnetic telegraph and marine signals, of the approach and force of storms."

Paine chose to assign these duties to the War Department because "military discipline would probably secure the greatest promptness, regularity, and accuracy in the required observations." Congress approved Paine's proposal as a joint resolution, and President Ulysses Grant signed it into law Feb. 9, 1870.

Myer recognized that Paine's bill pro-

vided the peacetime mission the Signal

Corps needed to ensure survival. As Paine later recalled: "Immediately after the introduction of the measure, a gentleman called on me and introduced himself as Col. Albert Myer, chief signal officer. He was greatly excited and expressed a most intense desire that the execution of the law might be entrusted to him." Myer's efforts were rewarded when Secretary of War William Belknap assigned the weather duties to the chief signal officer Mar. 15, 1870. Now the Signal Corps embarked upon a new field of endeavor, one that soon overshadowed its responsibility for military communications. This capacity for mission diversity helped ensure Signal Corps survival then and throughout the next century and a quarter.

Having acquired the weather duties, Myer set about establishing a national reporting system. From the outset, the Signal Corps directed its services chiefly toward the civilian community, as reflected in the title of the new "Division of Telegrams and Reports for the Benefit of Commerce" within the Office of the Chief Signal Officer. Myer subsequently added the words "and Agriculture" to reflect the additional services authorized by Congress in 1872. To provide weather information to the nation's farmers, the Signal Office published a Farmers' Bulletin that included daily weather summaries and predictions. It was telegraphed daily to and distributed from centers in the middle of agricultural areas. The Corps later added such services as frost warnings for tobacco, sugar and fruit growers and special reports for cotton planters.

To provide a picture of weather conditions across the country, the observers made their reports as nearly simultaneous as possible. The weather service did not initially make forecasts, and the enabling legislation did not specifically call for it to do so. Eventually general forecasts, referred to as probabilities, emanated from the Signal Office in Washington.

Locally, the observers posted bulletins and maps in the offices of boards of trade and chambers of commerce to provide weather information to the public. Post offices also displayed daily bulletins, and observers supplied local newspapers with data. Some communities appointed meteorological committees to confer with the chief signal officer and to serve as a check upon the operations of the local weather station. On the national level, the Signal Office in Washington issued daily weather maps compiled from the reports received from all the stations. It also published the Daily Weather Bulletin, Weekly Weather Chronicle, and the Monthly Weather Review. All were available for sale to the public.



Chalk Talk



Courtesy photo

Ellen Brown, fire prevention technician with the Sierra Vista Ranger District, Coronado National Forest and Smokey Bear visits Johnston School.

Johnston School

Janice Nash's and Frank Bell's classes recently attended a presentation by a fire prevention technician and Smokey the Bear. The children learned about the danger of forest fires, how they are caused, and how to put out their campfires when they go camping.

The students participated in **Red Ribbon Week**, Saying No to Drugs. In second grade, YukLin Martinez from Nash's class won first place for the poster contest and Savannah Gabrus from Bell's class won third place. Kayla Ayala from Bell's class won honorable mention.

Myer School

The **Magellan Running Club** is now in its ninth week. Third grade top boys: Levi Couillard-34 points, Johnny Taylor-21 points, Marlon Ausby-20 points. Third grade girls: Candice Miller-34 points, Maria Snyder-27 points, Emily Degro-28 points. Fourth grade boys: Manuel Enriquez-34 points, Rene Reyna-28 points, Nestor Rodriguez-26 points. Fourth grade girls: Elliah Rio-34 points, Asia Haywood, Trista McNamara and Mia McCallum-32 points. Fifth grade boys: Andrew Camps-52 points, Fernandes Boyd and Killian Klepinger-29 points. Fifth grade girls: Kierra McKnight-41 points, Cameron Gillespie-30 points, Melinda McCallum-19 points. The top class at each grade level with the most miles was: Bonnie Austin's third-grade class with 63 miles; Lynn Tompkins' fourth-grade class with 73 miles; and Regina Chesleigh's fifth-grade class with 61 miles.

Marie Lee's class is discovering the mysteries of mealworms this year along with learning times tables in math.

On Oct. 26, the class joined **Dan Ater's class, Valerie Lathrop, and Jim Wolf's classes** on a field trip to the Gray's Garden of Eat'n in Palominas to pick pumpkins. The students learned how plants grow and about different types of animals.

Third graders are also developing their character traits with the Character Counts Program at Myer School. The trait for this quarter is Trustworthiness and Respect. The third-grade students who follow these traits for the first quarter will be receiving an award. The class has started the second quarter with students working on behavior and problem solving. They are learning to understand that people are all different and students need to be safe, respectful and responsible in all of the things that they do together in the classroom.

Ghosts continue to haunt buildings here; recent activity reported

Scout reports



Cody Polston (right), president of Southwest Ghost Hunters Association, and Bob Carter check a reading for electromagnetic signals in "Hangman's Warehouse," building 3007, on Fort Huachuca. Ashly Laszok looks around for evidence of ghosts.

Cody Polston, president of Southwest Ghost Hunters Association, and Bob Carter checked a reading for electromagnetic signals in "Hangman's Warehouse," Building 3007, on Fort Huachuca during a visit here in September. Ashly Laszok who accompanied him searched for evidence of ghosts.

Building 3007 is the site of the 1943 hanging of Staff Sgt. Jerry Sikes, and Pvt. James Rowe. The building is said to be haunted.

Lazok had another tie with the Fort. She once lived in the Carlton House, now Quarters 89, and had conversed with Charlotte, the ghost who haunts the dwelling.

Built in 1880, the first post hospital was named the Carleton House, after Col. James Carleton. A woman named Charlotte gave birth there to a stillborn son; she died a few days later.

Angry that her son did not receive a proper burial, Charlotte still haunts the building. Now used as a residence for officers and their families, many have reported strange happenings. Some families claim that their pets go berserk during the night, while others report a cold spot affectionately known as "Charlotte's Corner." Legend has it that this spot is located near the staircase that once led to the morgue. Some have even seen Charlotte, who is described as a tall, beautiful blonde who wears long flowing gowns

It seems Charlotte has not ceased her haunting.

Recently, Richard Miller who works for the contractor Sunstar and is the project superintendent for the revitalization of the historical homes on Grierson, said this about the Carlton House: "On several occasions, I have personally made sure the houses were locked down, completely closed up, windows and doors locked. Later, either the same or next day a door will be standing wide open. The door is not just unlocked. The door is open."

According to Miller, this has happened seven times over last three months.

He was told about Charlotte by people on post, but didn't think much about her until the door incidents.

"I've been in there, and never seen any signs of activity. We just carry on about our business."

Miller said his workers are more spooked about the ghost in Building 115B on Henry Circle. A story on a plaque in the house describing the death of a female inhabitant may have sparked some imaginations.

Miller said he's not easily spooked, though. "I'm from South Carolina; I'm used to dealing with spirits and ghosts. In a lot of those old plantations, you can hear a lot of things going on and see a lot of things," he said.

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Book collection announced

The Coronado Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America located in Sierra Vista is collecting reading material for troops stationed overseas from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 16 in the Safeway parking lot on Fry Boulevard.

The group distributes books to deployed Soldiers and troops recovering at military hospitals in the United States.

Vets eat free Nov. 13

On Nov. 13 from 5 to 9 pm, all 481 Golden Corral restaurants spanning 40 states will offer veterans and active duty members of the U.S. military a free dinner buffet and beverage.

Anyone who has ever served in the military is invited to the free "thank you" dinner. Understandably, they cannot provide a free meal for family members or extended family members.

No identification is required and no questions asked. This is the sixth annual "thank you" to our nation's heroes from Golden Corral.

Golden Corral is located at 798 S. Highway 92 in Sierra Vista.

Huachuca Art Association holds show

The Huachuca Art Association will present their annual November judged fine art show at the Mall at Sierra Vista, beginning Saturday and running to Nov. 17.

The show will display the best works by the member artists and a special "People's Choice" award presented on the final day of the event.

For more information, contact Mary Okert at 803-9500 or Harlan White at 803-8525.

FHCSC holds luncheon

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club will hold a "Decorating for the Holidays" luncheon at TMAC. A social begins at 10:30 a.m. and lunch is served at 11:15 a.m. The program starts at noon. Child care is available on

a first-come, first-served basis. Cost is \$11.

The November "We Care" project is the Chaplain's Giving Tree.

RSVP by noon Friday to Leslie Torres at 439-9163 or leslietorres@cox.net.

Tour of Homes tickets available

The Fort Huachuca Community Spouses Club presents its annual Holiday Tour of Homes from 2 to 6 p.m. Dec. 3. The tour begins at the Fort Huachuca Historical Museum. Fourteen historic homes will be open for viewing.

Tickets are on sale now. Cost is \$8 in advance, \$9 at the door. They are available at the Fort Huachuca Museum, Safeway, Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce, Thrift Shop, and from HCSC Board Members. Tickets comes with an opportunity to win a hand-made Christmas quilt.

Bakers are invited to donate baked goods for the bake sale.

For information on the Tour of Homes, contact Amy Mangelsdorf at 459-2686 or amy.mangelsdorf@us.army.mil.

Country Christmas Concert

The Flying J Wranglers will present their Country Western Christmas Special at 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at the Buena Performing Arts Center in Buena High School. The group performs a family show and the event is part of the Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure Art Discovery Series.

Tickets cost \$15 for Adults and \$7 for children under 12 years old and are available at Sierra Vista city facilities, the Sierra Vista Herald newspaper office and Safeway.

Buena High School is located at 5225 E. Buena School Boulevard in Sierra Vista just past Wal-Mart off of Charleston Road.

For more information call 417-6980

Tombstone Art Show

"Faces and Places" is the theme for the November art show at the Tombstone Association of the Arts Gallery, located at 317 Allen St. in Tombstone.

The work of three featured artists, Jim Dalmer, Lee Latimore and Sylvia Rosenkrans, will be displayed along with the work of other members who live in the area.

The show runs to Nov. 30. and admission is free. The gallery is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. Call 457-2380 for information.

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The HAA is a non-profit organization promoting art and artists for more than 35 years. For more information, contact Mary Okert at 803-9500 or Harlan White at 803-8525.

UFO expert to speak

UFO expert and nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, the original civilian investigator of the Roswell Incident, will make a public presentation at 7 p.m. Nov. 16 in the Little Theatre on the Douglas campus of Cochise College.

Since 1967, Friedman has lectured on the topic "Flying Saucers are Real!" at more than 600 colleges, published more than 80 UFO papers, and appeared on hundreds of radio and television programs.

Tickets are available for \$10 by calling (520) 417-4708.

Newborn classes offered by ACS

Army Community Services will offer two prenatal care classes in November.

"Breastfeeding Your Newborn" will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday and "Caring for Your Newborn" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Nov. 22 at ACS.

The classes are free and open to the public. To register, call 533-2330.

At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:



Today -7 p.m.
Jet Li's Fearless
PG-13

Friday -7 p.m.
School for Scoundrels
PG-13

Saturday -7 p.m.
The Guardian
PG-13

Sunday -2 p.m.
Open Season
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Monday - Wednesday
Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

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Where's Wettie?

Identify Wette the Water-drop's location in the photo and e-mail or call in your answer to the Scout.

All correct answers received



by noon on the Monday after the photo is published will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

The winner's name will be published in the Scout on Thursday, along with the correct answer about Wette's location and the water-saving tips that led to that specific location.

E-mail your best guess to: thescout@hua.army.mil or call 533-2714 and leave your name and phone number.

GOOD LUCK!

This contest is sponsored by the Fort Huachuca Water Wise and Energy Smart program and The Fort Huachuca Scout.

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look out for the other guy.

If possible, try to limit driving in Mexico to daylight hours as people and livestock have been know to wander on to the road at night.

There are different sections of Rocky Point where tourists spend most of their time.

There is the Mirador Beach area that is filled with night-spots, restaurants, hotels and recreational vehicle parks. This is the area where “Spring Break” type nightlife can be found.

In Old Port, there is a fish market where mongers will offer to sell you a wide variety of shrimp, fish and shell fish. The area is lined with open-air bars and restaurants that serve up fresh seafood. There are plenty of souvenir shops that sell a wide variety of arts and crafts and T-shirts.

Las Conchas is about a mile outside of town and is a growing gated community of beachfront homes.

The Sandy Beach and Playa Hermosa section of Rocky Point consists mostly of high-rise hotels and condominiums along with bars and restaurants that are sprinkled along Calle 13.

Accommodations in Rocky Point range from pitching a tent in the sand to renting a beach front mansion. Oceano Real Estate is one of the larger companies in town that offer vacation rentals. You can browse the rental properties they manage at <http://www.oceano-rentals.com/>.

A good list and description of hotels in Rocky Point can be found at <http://rockypoint-mexico.com/hotels.htm>. There is no need to book on this particular Web site because with a bit of searching on the Internet you can usually find the phone number for the hotel you are interested in.

(Next week, part two will cover the things to do in Rocky Point).



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A car passes through the Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument on Arizona State Route 85. The road is the most popular route to Rocky Point, Mexico for Americans.

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